

Senate Study Bill 3099 - Introduced

SENATE/HOUSE FILE _____
BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION/COLLEGE STUDENT
AID COMMISSION BILL)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to the resumption of tuition grant eligibility.
- 2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 261.11, Code 2009, is amended to read as
2 follows:

3 **261.11 Extent of grant.**

4 A qualified full-time resident student may receive tuition
5 grants for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study
6 or the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified part-time
7 resident student may receive tuition grants for not more than
8 sixteen semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester
9 or quarter equivalent. However, a person who previously
10 received tuition grants and who resumes study after an absence
11 from postsecondary education studies of not less than four
12 consecutive years and who meets the requirements established
13 pursuant to section 261.10 shall regain eligibility for tuition
14 grants to the full extent specified in this section.

15 Sec. 2. Section 261.86, subsection 3, Code 2009, is amended
16 to read as follows:

17 3. a. An eligible member of the national guard, attending
18 an institution as provided in subsection 1, paragraph "d", as
19 a full-time student, shall not receive educational assistance
20 under this section for more than eight semesters, or if
21 attending as a part-time student for not more than sixteen
22 semesters, of undergraduate study, or the trimester or quarter
23 equivalent.

24 b. A national guard member who has met the educational
25 requirements for a baccalaureate degree is ineligible for
26 educational assistance under this section.

27 c. Notwithstanding paragraph "a", an eligible member of the
28 national guard who previously received educational assistance
29 under this section and who resumes study after an absence
30 from postsecondary education studies of not less than four
31 consecutive years shall regain eligibility for educational
32 assistance under this section to the full extent specified in
33 paragraph "a".

34 Sec. 3. Section 261.94, Code 2009, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 261.94 Extent of grant.

2 A qualified full-time resident student may receive grants
3 for not more than eight semesters of undergraduate study or
4 the trimester or quarter equivalent. A qualified part-time
5 resident student may receive grants for not more than sixteen
6 semesters of undergraduate study or the trimester or quarter
7 equivalent. However, a person who previously received grants
8 and who resumes study after an absence from postsecondary
9 education studies of not less than four consecutive years and
10 who meets the requirements established pursuant to section
11 261.93 shall regain eligibility for tuition grants to the full
12 extent specified in this section.

13	EXPLANATION
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14 This bill permits a person who was receiving an Iowa tuition
15 grant, an Iowa grant, or national guard educational assistance
16 and who abandoned postsecondary educational studies for not
17 less than four consecutive years, to regain eligibility for
18 the full extent of the Iowa tuition grant, Iowa grant, or
19 national guard educational assistance, whether or not the
20 person received Iowa tuition grant, Iowa grant, or national
21 guard educational assistance moneys prior to the person's
22 minimum four-year absence from postsecondary education studies.
23 The full extent of grant or tuition assistance is up to eight
24 full-time, or 16 part-time, semesters of undergraduate study,
25 or the trimester or quarter equivalent.